

NEW JERSEY RANKING CRITERIA FORM (04/05)

NJ DEP DIV. OF FISH & WILDLIFE LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Applicant: _____

Region/County: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Reviewed: _____

Enter Points in yellow column.

A. Project Significance

1)	Does the project site occur in a Landscape Project Ranking of 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1	0	
	Actual ranking of patch within Landscape project		
	No		
	If no, the project cannot be considered for LIP		
		10	
2)	Area project is found in has been identified as a high priority within the DEP or ENSP	5	
3)	Site provides protection or management of multiple habitat types	3	
4)	Site is actively managed for wildlife habitat	3	
5)	CAPE MAY ONLY - site is actively used by migrating avian population (BONUS POINTS)	3	
6)	Individual or population of federal or state T&E species documented on site	10	
	OR		
	Is grassland over 50 acres	10	
7)	Adjacent to a state WMA, National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge or local county or non-governmental protected open space, including farmland preserved properties, that provides quality wildlife habitat for species planned for.	8	
	OR		
	Within one mile of a state WMA, National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge or local county or non-governmental protected open space, including farmland preserved properties, that provides quality wildlife habitat for species planned for.	6	
8)	Project is located on lower 20k of Cape May Peninsula	8	
9)	Is a grassland greater than 10 acres		
	Grassland project area is 10 - 30 acres	5	
	Grassland project area is 30+ acres	10	
10)	Provides a corridor connecting habitats	3	

B. Benefits to Threatened and Endangered Species**

1)	LIP plan implementation benefits a federal T&E species	6	
	OR		
	LIP plan benefits a state T&E species or species of special concern	5	

2)	LIP project will benefit multiple listed species	5	
3)	LIP project will benefit listed plant species or communities of biological significance (S1, S2, G1, G2, Pineland Commission designation).	3	
4)	Long-term management commitment (6-10 years)	3	
5)	Size of project is large enough to ensure survival or re-establishment of target species	5	
6)	Site provides access to habitats and resources needed for lifecycle completion and increases the ability of the individual/population to respond to environmental change through dispersal, migration, or re-colonization - connectivity		
	Very Good	8	
	Good	6	
	Fair	5	
	Poor	0	

** Proposed action must not have an adverse or negative impact on existing T&E species found on property

C. Likelihood of Success

1)	Applicant is not a non-profit conservation organization	2	
2)	Likelihood that project will show measurable results within management commitment timeframe		
	High	8	
	Medium	6	
	Low	2	

Total: 0

Total Possible 105
Percent 0

Number of acres protected

Cost of project

Recommendation of staff/committee